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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to and including January 26, 2004 for responding to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

[X] A check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 209755.0088) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

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